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1. There are no large Soviet units in the town of Szombathely at the present time. The withdrawal of Soviet troops began at the end of April 1952. Troops leaving the city by train went in the direction of Hajmáskér, and Soviet soldiers told their Hungarian acquaintances that they were going to Hajmáskér for maneuvers. Most of the troops and material were moved by train.
2. Management of the transport was done by a Soviet military railway unit at the railway station. Since the departure of the troops this unit has been even more overloaded with work than before. The Hungarian station master suffers a great deal from the chicanery of the Soviet transport officers. With the irregularly changed and managed Russian military transport, it is impossible to run the Hungarian civilian transport according to schedule. Trains are regularly late, and because of this the Hungarian service people are frequently hauled up for questioning by the AVH.
3. Information indicated that the departed troops are still provisioned and fueled from Szombathely. Two or three Soviet supply trains are dispatched weekly from the so-called Flex magazine. The gasoline is in 200 liter drums and not in tank cars. Numerous fuel transports leave Szombathely weekly, to the east.
4. The Flex magazine has long been a Soviet ration depot where large quantities of food are stored. The departing troops took the greater part of the stores with them, since then new deliveries have arrived from the interior. The troops left behind are also provisioned from this depot.
5. Small guard units have been left behind at all places occupied by Soviet troops. In former years the Russians assembled their guard units in small barracks; this summer they have done differently.

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6. All units remaining in the city are under the town commandant, Colonel Lozo (fmu), who lives at Borsits Street 38. This street is mostly occupied by Russian civilians. The employees of the MVD and the MVD command are quartered here, on the bank of the Ferint. Up to 400-500 Russians are estimated to be quartered in Ferint Boulevard.
7. All the MVD units and the military police (known by their red arm bands) remain in the city. Their motorized patrols go about day and night, although they do not have much to do now.
8. Troop movements through the city towards Austria are very small at present. Occasionally there is a train, usually of 28-30 cars, but no troops by train in this connection. All transports are accompanied by armed Soviet soldiers. Only officers' and MVD cars are seen on the roads for the most part. This however is not the main Russian highway for travel between Austria and Hungary. The main highway of the Soviet Army is by the Sopron-Vienna and Hegyeshalom-Vienna roads. The MVD and the AVE cars from Szombathely go only as far towards Austria as Jennersdorf.
9. The stores of ammunition have been left in all the armories and depots. According to report, the troops are supplied during the summer maneuvers from the main Hungarian ammunition depot at Devescser. No army trucks transporting ammunition have been seen in Szombathely for some months.
10. The troops remaining are supplied with gasoline from the small depot in Söptei Street. The Russians have stored gasoline in the main tower of the city waterworks. These supplies have been left. A number of Soviet army trucks can be seen in the courtyard, but there is no traffic.

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12. A Soviet tank and automobile repair shop is located in the National Engineering Works.
13. There is a Soviet tank camp in Herimos Park, with 6-8 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] The tank parking place near the Haladás football field is temporarily vacant.
14. The Soviet staff has gone from No. 2 high school. Some clerks remain, under the command of a staff non-commissioned officer.
15. The military offices of a high command are located in the county house. The headquarters and offices of the Soviet military police are in the administrative instruction building. The villas at Vas József boulevard 25-31 are occupied by the MVD. There is very little business at the officers' club in the Sabiria Hotel. A military hospital is located in the Faludy Gymnasium. There are no Soviet tanks near the Contagious Hospital in the city horticultural park.
16. Troops in Szombathely.- A communications control company of 120-140 men is in the former Hungarian signal barracks; a guard company, with black shoulder boards.

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bordered with red and armored forces insignia, is in the former gendarmerie barracks; two companies of recruits with black shoulder boards in the barracks on Parragvári Street; a guard company with black shoulder boards is in the barracks on Kálvária Street; a guard platoon of 45-60 men with red-bordered black shoulder boards is in the former cavalry barracks; a guard platoon of 55-70 men with black shoulder boards is in the County house.

17. There is a Soviet military depot in the Urania Court.
18. The Soviet troops are gone from Herény and Kámon, northwest and north of Szombathely, respectively.
19. Only Soviet messenger air traffic goes on at the Szombathely Airfield. The messenger planes carry the mail. Hungarian civilian traffic at the field is active. The first pilot of the Maszovlet planes is always a Russian; the second pilot, a Hungarian. An armed AVH member flies with each plane. Passengers are thoroughly checked by the AVH upon landing. An AVH guard is stationed at the field. Since this airfield has no military importance, no rebuilding or modernization work is under way.
20. Hungarian units in Szombathely include an AVH border guard battalion headquarters [redacted]. The political officer is named Tibor Nehoda. [redacted] illegal border crossers are examined first by him.
21. A blue AVH battalion of 300-350 men is stationed in the new AVH barracks. In addition there is an AVH security company in Kisfaludy Street, near the bridge, and an AVH security platoon in Tökölly Street 14 and 32. There are AVH search squads of 25-30 men each in Kisfaludy, Király and Tökölly Streets.
22. Modern underground torture chambers have been built in the new AVH barracks in Sóptei Street. Bodies of victims are not handed over to their families. A number of uniformed AVH women serve here; among them are known street walkers.
23. The president of the county council is István Ács. He was formerly a factory worker, and is regarded as a faithful servant of the Russians. He is also Party leader in Szombathely. The district Party leader is Mrs. Varga (fmu). Colonel László Ember is the County commandant. He was formerly a civil servant. He is fairly good-natured but is guided by Party policies and is therefore uncalculable. The district police headquarters and the county command headquarters are in Kőszegi Street. Besides the civilian office staff, about 180-200 uniformed police serve here.
24. Relations between the Soviet MVD and the Hungarian Communist officials are not without friction. They have little intercourse with each other. Relations between the MVD and the AVH are close and friendly. They exchange arrestees with each other without formality, they conduct joint interrogations, and let men disappear without trace for reasons no one can supply.
25. The Soviet military police deal energetically with drunken and brawling Russian soldiers, consequently there are fewer rows than formerly.
26. The Russians have also withdrawn their main units from Környend, south of Szombathely. Only 250-280 men are left in the Battyány castle, where more than 1,200 had been stationed for the past three months. An MVD platoon of 60 men also remains. The troops are supplied from Szombathely. All guard units are concentrated in the castle. They wear black shoulder boards bordered with red. There is a small local command post in the castle. The small barracks near the railway station is empty; formerly there were 650 Soviet soldiers here. Soviet trucks have been observed [redacted]

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